

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 )  
MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED ) TRANSMITTAL NO. 13-01  
 ) (Decoupling)  
For approval to modify the RBA Rate )  
Adjustment in its Revenue Balancing )  
Account Provision Tariff. )  
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In the Matter of the Application of )  
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HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC. ) TRANSMITTAL NO. 13-02  
 ) (Decoupling)  
For approval to modify the RBA Rate )  
Adjustment in its Revenue Balancing )  
Account Provision Tariff. )  
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In the Matter of the Application of )  
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HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. ) TRANSMITTAL NO. 13-03  
 ) (Decoupling)  
For approval to modify the RBA Rate )  
Adjustment in its Revenue Balancing )  
Account Provision Tariff. )  
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In the Matter of the Application of )  
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MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED ) TRANSMITTAL NO. 13-04  
 ) (Decoupling)  
For approval to modify the Revenue )  
Balancing Account ("RBA") Provision )  
And Rate Adjustment Mechanism )  
Provision Tariffs. )  
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HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC. )  
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For approval to modify the Revenue )  
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TRANSMITTAL NO. 13-05  
(Decoupling)

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HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. )  
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For approval to modify the Revenue )  
Balancing Account ("RBA") Provision )  
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TRANSMITTAL NO. 13-06  
(Decoupling)

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CONSOLIDATING PROCEEDINGS  
AND APPROVING MULTIPLE TARIFF TRANSMITTALS

By this Order, the commission consolidates the above-captioned proceedings and approves, as amended, multiple tariff transmittal filings made therein.

I.

DISCUSSION

On March 28, 2013, MAUI ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED ("MECO"), HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC. ("HELCO"), and HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. ("HECO")<sup>1</sup> separately filed

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<sup>1</sup>MECO, HELCO, and HECO are collectively referred to herein as the "HECO Companies."

Transmittal Nos. 13-01, 13-02, and 13-03, respectively. These filings sought approval to modify the Revenue Balancing Account ("RBA") Rate Adjustments in the HECO Companies' respective RBA Provision tariffs.

By letters filed on April 26, 2013, the DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY ("Consumer Advocate")<sup>2</sup> requested extensions of time, from April 29, 2013 to May 6, 2013, to file Statements of Position in response to the HECO Companies' RBA provision filings in Transmittal Nos. 13-01, 13-02, and 13-03.

On May 1, 2013, MECO, HELCO, and HECO separately filed Transmittal Nos. 13-04, 13-05, and 13-06, respectively. These filings sought approval to modify the language in certain provisions in the HECO Companies' RBA Provision and Rate Adjustment Mechanism ("RAM") Provision tariffs.

On May 6, 2013, the Consumer Advocate filed its Statements of Position in Transmittal Nos. 13-01, 13-02, and 13-03, in which the Consumer Advocate raised several issues and recommended certain adjustments to MECO's, HELCO's, and HECO's proposed RBA Rate Adjustments, respectively.

On May 14, 2013, the Parties jointly filed letters of

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<sup>2</sup>The Consumer Advocate is an ex officio party to the proceedings consolidated herein pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes § 269-51 and Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR")

agreement in Transmittal Nos. 13-01, 13-02, and 13-03, noting that, for purposes of simplifying and expediting the proceedings, they had come to agreements on the issues raised in the Consumer Advocate's Statements of Position, and there were no remaining issues between the Parties relating to the HECO Companies' RBA Rate Adjustment tariff filings.

Also on May 14, 2013, the HECO Companies filed responses to the Consumer Advocate's Statements of Position filed in Transmittal Nos. 13-01, 13-02, and 13-03. Based on agreements reached with the Consumer Advocate noted in the letter agreements simultaneously filed on May 14, 2013, the HECO Companies included with these filings revised proposed RBA Rate Adjustments for each company, and revised 2013 decoupling calculation workbooks.

No protests were filed in response to any of the tariff transmittal filings.<sup>3</sup>

Upon review, the commission consolidates for administrative efficiency Transmittal Nos. 13-01, 13-02, 13-03, 13-04, 13-05, and 13-06 as they all relate to the HECO Companies' RBA and RAM Provision tariffs,<sup>4</sup> and approves, as just and

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§ 6-61-62(a). The Consumer Advocate and the HECO Companies are collectively referred to herein as the "Parties."

<sup>3</sup>Pursuant to HAR § 6-61-61, any person was allowed to protest the tariff changes in the tariff filings within fifteen days of the effective date of the proposed tariff changes.

<sup>4</sup>HAR § 6-61-39 provides, in part, that:

reasonable based on the limited circumstances presented in the tariff filings:

1. Transmittal No. 13-04, as revised by MECO's filing on May 14, 2013 of a revised RBA Rate Adjustment (0.8071 ¢/kWh) in connection with Transmittal No. 13-01;

2. Transmittal No. 13-05, as revised by HELCO's filing on May 14, 2013 of a revised RBA Rate Adjustment (0.4383 ¢/kWh) in connection with Transmittal No. 13-02;

3. Transmittal No. 13-06, as revised by HECO's filing on May 14, 2013 of a revised RBA Rate Adjustment (1.3119 ¢/kWh) in connection with Transmittal No. 13-03.

The above approved tariff filings shall become effective June 1, 2013.<sup>5</sup>

In addition, the commission approves, for good cause

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The commission, upon its own initiative or upon motion, may consolidate for hearing two or more proceedings that involve related questions of fact or law . . . if it finds that consolidation . . . will be conducive to the proper dispatch of its business and to the ends of justice and will not unduly delay the proceedings.

<sup>5</sup>Although all of the filings related to Transmittal Nos. 13-01 through 13-06 are available on the commission's Document Management System ("DMS"), due to present design constraints of DMS, accessing the filings may be difficult. The commission accordingly will post under the "What's New" section on the home page of its website all documents that were filed in connection with Transmittal Nos. 13-01 through 13-06, including this Order.

shown,<sup>6</sup> the Consumer Advocate's extension requests filed on April 26, 2013 in Transmittal Nos. 13-01, 13-02, and 13-03.<sup>7</sup>

## II.

### ORDERS

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. For administrative efficiency, Transmittal Nos. 13-01, 13-02, 13-03, 13-04, 13-05, and 13-06 are hereby consolidated, pursuant to HAR § 6-61-39.

2. Transmittal No. 13-04, as revised by MECO's filing on May 14, 2013 of a revised RBA Rate Adjustment (0.8071 ¢/kWh) in connection with Transmittal No. 13-01, is approved, and shall go into effect June 1, 2013.

3. Transmittal No. 13-05, as revised by HELCO's filing on May 14, 2013 of a revised RBA Rate Adjustment (0.4383 ¢/kWh) in connection with Transmittal No. 13-02, is approved, and shall go into effect June 1, 2013.

4. Transmittal No. 13-06, as revised by HECO's filing on May 14, 2013 of a revised RBA Rate Adjustment (1.3119 ¢/kWh) in connection with Transmittal No. 13-03, is approved, and shall

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<sup>6</sup>See HAR § 6-61-23(a)(1).

<sup>7</sup>The Consumer Advocate represented that additional time was needed to allow consideration of outstanding responses to information requests to be submitted by the HECO Companies. The



go into effect June 1, 2013.

5. The Consumer Advocate's extension requests filed on April 26, 2013, in Transmittal Nos. 13-01, 13-02, and 13-03, are approved.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii MAY 31 2013.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
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HECO Companies did not object to the Consumer Advocate's request for extensions of time.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The foregoing order was served on the date of filing by mail, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to the following parties:

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